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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLOTT
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 — A typically nazi scheme to choke France with velvet gloves is recounted in official reports here that have escaped the censor. With half a bow to justice the armistice terms called for the French to pay the cost of German occupation. A ratio of money exchange was effected whereby the invaders were to receive 20 francs for one mark. That sounded relatively painless too, as the franc had been selling at a little more than 2 cents and the mark was theoretically worth 40 cents.

But the Germans issued a special kind of mark for this swapping business. They created a long name for it (reichskassenscheiner, meaning approximately cash tokens) but neglected to create any reserve, as is their custom. Actually their mark had no value except that which Hitler might care to call it from day to day. French merchants have been compelled to give 20 francs value for these marks. They do not lose as they can go to the bank of France and get 20 francs back.

During the first few weeks of occupation the bank of France was loaded up with 500 million marks in this manner. What to do with them. Some say Hitler may allow the bank to buy goods from him but he has not said so and the price he fixes on his products for the deal will determine how much France loses. Actually no one who knows the situation believes Hitler will give anything at all to the bank which is expected to take a total loss. Thus do the ingenious devices of modern conquest stealthily exact their toll. Thus can Hitler drain the wealth and substance of France to whatever degree he cares to issue reichskassenscheiners and impose them upon the bank of France.

BUYING SPLURGE
 Hitler apparently had been paying his soldiers in these marks and they have been "buying up everything in France." Some of their purchases are being shipped back to Germany to their families and friends, where the competition is reported to have inspired the anxiety of German merchants.

So far the purchases have been restricted largely to consumer goods. No buying of real estate has been reported. But the open end of the situation would permit Germans to buy their way into French businesses at greatly reduced rates.

STARVATION
 Starvation is riding the winds behind the nazi army in Europe. Advice that circumvent the news restrictions have informed officials here that Belgium has been hardest hit and large cities in the other invasion areas are suffering. Eu-

SIDE GLANCES



"Do you suppose we could borrow the neighbors' car so we could enjoy the vacation with the family junk?"

ropian production of bread grains, wheat and rye, will be 15 per cent below normal. Both Germany and Italy stored heavily in these products before the war. Considerable portions are reported to have been damaged, however, by improper storage during unexpected rains last week. Even with these stores, supplies are calculated 10 per cent below normal. If these stocks could be adequately distributed, there would be little suffering, but communications are so disorganized that it is difficult for the refugees to get what is available.

Armies of occupation are reported subsisting on supplies in the occupied areas which further intensifies conditions.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX
 It was Mr. Roosevelt in person who stood invisible but unshakable behind the treasury in insisting on the same bill as amortization amelioration. The congressional leaders were eager to inspire speed in the national defense program by granting reasonable depreciation allowances at once. The president refused to agree unless an excess profits tax were enacted at the same time.

And Then It Could Be the Heat in S. F.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7 (UP)—Delegates to the National Association of Broadcasters convention here were provided with a bit of unscheduled entertainment when a well dressed woman, about 45, quietly disrobed on the sidewalk outside the St. Francis hotel, convention headquarters. Without fanfare, the woman,

a brunette, quickly stripped down to her shoes while passers-by stopped to gape. One of her watchers called an ambulance which carried her off to Harbor emergency hospital.

Courthouse Records (TUESDAY)
Complaints Filed
 Adeline Stevens versus Eugene Stevens. Suit for divorce. Charge, desertion. Couple married San Francisco, December 18, 1936. Plaintiff asks return of maiden name, Adeline Chapman. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.
Decrees
 Ruth Gibson versus Neal Gibson. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.
 Lois Wood versus Warren Wood. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default. Plaintiff awarded property settlement. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.
 Klamath Chapter American Red Cross versus unknown heirs of George H. Woodbury, deceased; unknown heirs of E. A. Woodbury, deceased; unknown heir of M. G. Wilkins, deceased; unknown heirs of Mary A. Wilkins, deceased; H. A. Grimes; June Grimes; Irene Bechold; William Bechold; Claude D. Bechold; Austin Bechold; Maude Bechold; Aronsen; Earl Bechold; and all other parties unknown claiming rights, title, lien or interest in real estate in question. Plaintiff awarded title.
Justice Court
 Roy John Laird. Speeding in truck. Fined \$10.
 John M. Scott. Overloading a truck. Fined \$25, \$15 of which was suspended.
 When hard pressed, a kangaroo is capable of leaping 20 feet.

Telling The Editor

MORE ON UNIONS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the editor)—Since I happen to be one of the persons referred to in the letter of Mr. George Lewis of Algoma I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my views which, I probably made a "flop" of in an open meeting which I was called upon to talk without even knowing that I was going to be requested to talk. Even at that Mr. Lewis misquoted me.

To begin with I shall take Mr. Lewis at face value. He stated that he was heart and soul for labor unions. If he was sincere in his letter then no doubt he will affiliate himself with the union in Algoma. I understand that they are trying to organize in an honorable fashion out there and I don't believe that any force or coercion has been used to gain members.

Now for the Culinary Alliance. I am proud to say that I belong to the Culinary Alliance and I am enjoying conditions of work, hours of work and rates of pay which was brought about by the union, as I said in an open meeting in Algoma. I didn't at first understand the \$15 charge to join but I stated at the same meeting that I investigated the history of waitress pay in Klamath Falls and found that the union had almost doubled the hourly wage. The \$15 is used to defray the expenses of our organization and we know where every penny goes.

I learned my lesson in a non-union place. I went to work for the place under an agreement that they would put in a union card and that they would pay me union wages. I only worked for a short while before I lost my job to an out-of-state girl (Oklahoma) for one dollar a day.

If Mr. Lewis thinks there is racketeering in my union he is sadly misinformed for our union is just what its members have made it. We have a business agent whom we elected out of the rank and file and he knows our problems.

There are plenty of non-union shops in Klamath Falls for people to work at without having to belong to my union but the wages are far less than the union wages, the hours are worse, and the employer has far less consideration for you or your rights as part of his business. No one has to join a union as Mr. Lewis intimates but if they wish to have union wages, hours and conditions they can only be found in union shops.

If someone "stuck their neck out" to get these conditions then why should we want to come in

and reap the harvest and stay non-union?
 As long as I work I intend to help maintain those conditions that someone fought for. If the dues were \$5 a month I would still be money ahead compared to open shops.

I hope this will clarify my view on unions to Mr. Lewis of Algoma and if he is sincere he will lose no time in joining the lumber and sawmill union in Algoma where there is no charge for joining and not even any dues until the members vote to start paying. Those men are striving for conditions and wages just like someone did for my union and after they get them they can by a majority vote of the membership set an initiation fee to help maintain the union and I'll bet that the active members out there wish they could transform the mill into a union shop even with an initiation fee, and not have to do all the slave work necessary to organize.

Signed:
 EDITH TUCKER
 Villa Marquise,
 Klamath Falls, Ore.

PINES OF YAMSAV

Ten years the camp has been on this spot.
 Ten years the axes go chop, chop.
 Ten years the logs roll by in a string.
 Ten years the water has come from this spring.
 Ten years the same story has been told—
 If you don't like it here, go down the road.

Same paint on the cabins as in years gone by.
 While the paint at the mill is pleasing to the eye.
 Cabins at camp a weather-beaten gray.
 Houses at the mill the opposite way.
 Yards at the camp full of dusty earth.
 Green lawns at the mill full of birds' mirth.

Open bare hillside at the camp.
 Yards at the mill green and damp.
 Lumber scarce up on the hill.
 Millions of feet down at the mill.
 Camp gets water from a spring so small.
 Mill has no trouble with water at all.

Comparison noticeable as you pass by—
 No pretty paint to greet the worker's eye,
 No bathrooms, toilets, lights, nor pretty homes.
 No cheerful yards to rest weary bones.
 No, we're not asking for an awful lot:
 Just job security, sanitation, and why not,
 —Carl Proebstel

From Other Editors

HOOVER'S MISTAKES

(Run by request, from the Wallace, Idaho, Weekly Miner.)
 An inspired piece from one of the new deal propagandists says that "Hoover was a complete failure."

So he was. He failed in a lot of things. He failed to draw out his salary of \$75,000 a year while he was president, turning it all back into the treasury. He failed to have his sons organize insurance companies to write in insurance on government enterprises. He built a Rapidian resort for fishing and recreation at his own expense and gave it to the government. None of his sons went racing through the divorce courts to the disillusionment of the public. He never bundled up a lot of government documents to sell as a book to himself, and he never sold himself into political slavery to a labor organization for a \$500,000 campaign fund. He gathered a marvelous collection of war stuff and built a museum for it, and failed to ask congress to pay the bill—he paid it himself.

He did not preach and promote class hatred, and he did not try to pack the supreme court. He did not plow up every third row of cotton, and he did not promise the American people one thing while at the very same moment doing everything to accomplish the directly opposite result.

He did not ask congress to assess the taxpayers billions of dollars every time someone shot off a firecracker in Europe, and he did not go on fishing trips on government warships accompanied by a fleet of destroyers. Neither did he kill off all the farmers' little pigs, nor encourage the importation of Argentine beef.

In fact, there were a lot of foolish things that Hoover didn't do that some other people have done. There are a lot of constructive things that he could have done if he had not had the opposition of a democratic congress... but anyway, he did not leave the American people \$43,000,000,000 in debt.

Mrs. Hoover never made speeches or raced hither and yon on unimportant matters. She never wrote silly drivel on her everyday life and sold it in the newspapers, and she never sold soap over the radio. Her only appearance in public was an honorary member of the Girl Scouts of America. She never invited communist youth to the White House as her guests.

Spiders are not insects. True insects have six legs; spiders have eight.

Season of Polls

THE season of polls is upon us. Some polls, such as Mr. Gallup's, are going on all the time, but at this period they will receive more attention than usual because of the political situation, and there will probably be more polls springing up between now and November.

There no doubt will be polls to suit every taste. If you are for Willkie, you will find a poll which shows the republican candidate out in front. If you are for Roosevelt, you will find a Roosevelt poll to make you happy. Polls will range all the way from the scientific, systematized efforts to test sentiment, such as the Gallup and Fortune enterprises, to the reports of political workers who will tell the public what they found after a "swing around the country." The latter type, of course, are particularly irresponsible.

The unfortunate experience of the Literary Digest before the last presidential election had the effect temporarily of shaking confidence in polls. But now the more carefully worked out schemes seem to be receiving at least favorable interest of the public. Some polls now in operation forecast accurately the outcome of the 1936 presidential election in defiance of the Digest enterprise, best known of them all at that time but since folded up.

Polls may have political influence because of the bandwagon tendencies of large numbers of voters. But it would be better if voters would resist the inclination to be on the winning side, making up their minds on the basis of who they think ought to win, rather than who they think is going to win. Polls should be regarded as interesting, rather than conclusive, and no citizen who really does his own independent thinking will let a poll dictate his decision on election day.

Meeting the Champ

WRITING from his place among the newspaper correspondents with Wendell Willkie at Colorado Springs, J. Roscoe Drummond, staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, affirms his belief that Mr. Willkie really means it when he says he is glad that it is Franklin D. Roosevelt who is his opponent for November.

Mr. Drummond states that at one of the early press conferences at Colorado Springs, Mr. Willkie was asked for a definite statement concerning his attitude toward the candidacy of Roosevelt vs. others in the democratic party. Willkie's reply:

"I have said that I'd like the fun of a hard, fighting campaign, but my position really goes deeper than that and I am glad to clarify exactly what I mean.

"Mr. Roosevelt is the champion New Dealer, the outstanding advocate of the philosophy which holds that the government's control over the individual should be extended and intensified. There is no monopoly as dangerous as the monopoly of political power. That is what the New Deal means and that is the most vital issue of the national campaign ahead.

No Clouding of Issue

"The nomination of Franklin Roosevelt, who will propound and defend that philosophy, means that this issue will be brought out into bold relief. The nomination of any other Democrat would mean that the big, important issue would be clouded.

"It is the essence of the democratic way that the people shall decide what kind of government they want. It is vital to American democracy that the issue of the philosophy and practices of the New Deal should be decided by the American people after free discussion and frank debate and I would rather lose the election on the real issues with the New Deal's most effective advocate against me than win it against any lesser candidate whose campaign would hedge on the issues and blur the verdict. I'm really thinking of more than the fun of the battle; I am thinking of the welfare of our democracy."

Now that Mr. Willkie has his wish, this should be a vigorous campaign with clear-cut issues.

John L. Lewis Hits Conscription
 DENVER, Aug. 7 (UP)—John L. Lewis of the CIO, speaking before the annual convention of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union, voiced a third party threat yesterday after bitterly attacking military conscription.

Lewis first accused "the politicians in power" of ignoring the demands of the workingman and then said that "some day labor will lose its faith in the two major parties to the point where labor will go out and form its own party."

"That day will come sooner as you wax more powerful, as you demonstrate your ability to work together," the labor leader told convention delegates.

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