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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Defense commission has been tossing figures galore to the headlines, yipping about untold thousands of planes on order or the verge of it, pointing an accusing finger at congress because the orders are not developing faster.

The truth is there are fewer fighting planes on hand in an armed service to defend this nation today than there were when Mr. Roosevelt demanded at least 50,000 as soon as possible.

Cold figures come in a trustworthy way suggesting the developments between the day Mr. Roosevelt spoke, May 16, and the last officially calculated date of plane deliveries, August 6, bore these actual fruits in the bag:

The navy air force shrank 70 planes short of the number of useful ships it had ready to take the air in May. Deliveries were that much slower than the growth of obsolescence among craft on hand. While the army is cagey about calculating the accumulation of obsolescence in the same period, its air fleet is much larger and therefore it has obviously suffered more than the navy.

The granting of certain priority rights to British orders may have accentuated these deficiencies, but whatever the reason, the fact remains indisputable that United States air defense is not as strong today as when Mr. Roosevelt spoke.

NO CHEERING

If you will cut through the fraud of the official commission figures on planes that have been ordered, you will find little hope for cheering yet about the future.

The commission made its figures look grand by calculating the number of planes on order August 17, against June 2, when it took over. That is all right for publicity purposes of the commission, but not for a full accounting of defense progress.

Using the same period as for deliveries (the date Mr. Roosevelt demanded 50,000 and the last thoroughly calculated date, August 6), you will find the following situation on orders:

The army awarded contracts for 56 fighting ships, all large type bombers, and the best in the world. In addition it ordered 1237 training ships not for use as fighters.

The navy placed orders for 1635 planes in the same period, of which 700 are to be fighter pursuit ships. The remaining 935 are trainers.

Thus the actual number of fighters for which orders were placed is 756—a long way from the 11,000 plane program which the army alone considers essential for defense before June 1941 and still further away from the 50,000 goal of Mr. Roosevelt.

PASSING BUCK

The reasons contributed officially are confusing. The commission's publicity man implies congress is to blame because it has not acted swiftly on the last \$4,800,000,000 appropriations bill. This seems an inconsequential truth, because neither the army nor navy has used up all the money they previously received.

While the commission likewise points at congress for causing revision of contract forms to curtail the profits of plane manufacturers, congress is pointing at the White House for demanding an excess profits tax in connection with legislation clearing the tax amortization bottleneck, and everyone is pointing at the industry for being bewildered.

To a sideline observer, the only thing that seems quite clear is that ordinary governmental red tape has beset the program at every point. And no

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"The judge carries a third watch in case the first two don't agree with each other."

one has been able to control sufficient force to cut it through.

PROTECTION

Another division of the defense commission which is having its troubles is the consumer protection unit headed by Harriet Elliott. There is not much consumer protection to be done yet, but in taking the initial steps, Miss Elliott has tread inadvertently upon some exceptionally prized toes of new deal economists in other governmental departments. They grumble that her consumer unit is only duplicating their work. In return some of her consumer folk assert the food and retail people have been looking the other way when cooperation is asked. Their pledge against price increases will be sought in a meeting definitely arranged for August 29—in case they attend.

ARE YOU SUPERSTITIOUS

ABOUT SPORTS

By RUTH FARRAR

NEA Special Correspondent
 The whole athletic world is so shot through with superstition and civilized voodooism that to spend an hour with a group of athletes before a big game is worse than living alone for a week in a haunted house.

But it's a paradise to a man like Dr. B. A. Cartwright of the University of Oklahoma, who collects pet beliefs and queer quirks of athletes and others. Here are some samples from his findings on the "super-superstitious" world of sports:

A hockey player will go straight through the ceiling if he catches anyone putting a hat on his bed. There is no quicker way one can lose his job than by laying his hat for a fraction of a second on the manager's bed.

Eight out of ten hockey players put their left skate on first for luck.

Neither love nor money could induce grid stars to wear any piece of equipment into a game without first having worn it in practice.

Many football players always tape a nickel with the head side up, on their uniforms before a game, thereby gaining the toss on their opponents before the action starts.

The team that loses the first

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Telling The Editor

FOR PATRIOTISM
 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—The writer enjoys reading the letters to the editor. He does not agree with all writers, but even where opinions differ, he is glad to get other views on vital matters. This is a time when we should think sanely and decide wisely. Militarism is in the air. What is militarism? A writer, Haddon E. Klingberg, in a weekly periodical gives some very thought provoking statements under the caption "The Spirit of Militarism." He states:

"Beyond question, the dominant spirit of this age is militarism. It was dominant in Alexander's time. It was the spirit of the conquering Roman legions and of Napoleon's France. It is the spirit of bristling Italy and reawakened Germany."

"But, the spirit of militarism is apt to be called by the holier appellation—'patriotism.' It is important that we distinguish between the two, lest under the guise of patriotism, we become militarists. Militarism destroys democracy for it ignores the rights of others. If we are to become militarists to save democracy, we shall defeat our first purpose."

"If, in the midst of hurried preparations for the defense of our republic, we can remain patriotic, we shall be a people blessed. We shall then be worthy of a place beside Sweden, Switzerland and the Belgium and France that were."

"But, we are in grave danger of becoming militaristic. If we do we may expect a decline of interest in higher education, in the arts and sciences. Militarism is fatal to our best interests as a free and democratic people. A friend employed in a local art gallery said: 'If we go to war the employees of the gallery will be among the first to go, for galleries are non-essentials.'"

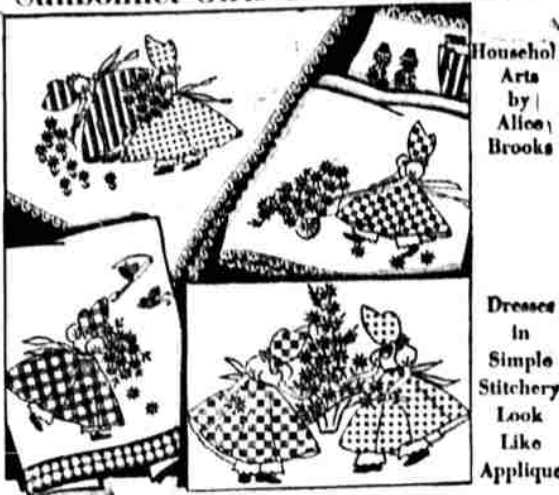
"The cold, hard fact—that the awful naked truth—is that under militarism everything becomes non-essential except that which serves its own terrible interests. Our youth shall be free to learn only the science of war and the art of military procedure. Our doctors shall be trained to patch riddled and blasted bodies and, incidentally, to minister to women and children. Inventors will turn from inventing devices that make life happier to the creating of engines of destruction. Our great and beautiful highways will become military roads. This is only the beginning."

"And with the ascent of the spirit of militarism will come the descent of the influence of the Holy Spirit. The spirit of love is a non-essential in the realms of dictators and militarists. Witness the decline of the power and the prestige of the church where militarism rules. Because militarism is destructive of all that is highest and holiest we cry out against it. We dare not expect to be heard because no great prophet has come to warn us with a voice."

Statistics point out that 12 causes of death but fair not only to show improvement for the full year of 1940 over the rates of 1939, but to attain new all-time low levels. These are typhoid fever, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, pneumonia, tuberculosis, diarrheal conditions, appendicitis, puerperal diseases, homocides and accidents (all forms combined). On the other hand, 1940 seems destined to record new maximum figures for cancer, diabetes and diseases of the coronary arteries.

ENDS TODAY * "SPORTING BLOOD"

Sunbonnet Girls On Varied Linens



Have linens as colorful as applique but do them just in easy stitchery. These sunbonnet girls lend themselves to tea cloths, towels, pillow cases, and scarfs.

Pattern 6766 contains a transfer pattern of 6 motifs averaging 5 1/4 inches; materials needed; illustrations of stitches, color schemes. To obtain this pattern send 10 cents in coin to The Herald and News, Household Arts department, Klamath Falls, Ore. Be sure to write plainly your NAME, ADDRESS and PATTERN NUMBER.

Illustrations of stitches, color schemes.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28 (AP)—Adequate national defense, a "constant program of education in patriotism" and "encouragement of social, political and economic reforms to strengthen democracy" were advocated Monday before thousands of delegates attending the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual national encampment by National Commander Otis N. Brown of North Carolina.

Some 25,000 veterans, women's auxiliary members and visitors were on hand as the formal program got under way.

"The peace for which you and I offered our lives in 1917-18 has been destroyed," Brown declared. "A world revolution is in progress."

"The hell that has been let loose has been unleashed by elements which believe that might makes right—and the wholesale slaughter of men, women and children is something fearful to behold."

"We want to defend the liberty guaranteed by the bill of rights."

Approval of conscription for a universal service peacetime army will be proposed to the encampment in one of more than 200 resolutions scheduled for consideration.

DEATH

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 28 (AP)—John Cleveland Price, 48, died in a dentist's chair. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Twenty teeth had been extracted.

Willkie's welcome lends justification to the suspicion that many voters would like to give the country back to the Indians.

Editorial Correspondence

SALEM.—This attractive seat of Oregon's government had its day in the sun today, when 15,000 persons jammed the state fairgrounds to witness the notification of its native son, Charles L. McNary, of his nomination for the vice presidency of the United States. The crowd was not so large as those which will see a number of football games in the state this year, nor was it so colorful or demonstrative as those crowds will be. But it was sufficient to fill every available seat in the fairgrounds, it exhibited a dignified enthusiasm typical of the state, and the event as a whole gave what must have been a most gratifying showing of home folks' affection for Senator McNary.

For his part, Oregon's vice presidential candidate handled a difficult assignment with characteristic smoothness, and delivered a speech of acceptance which left the strong impression that Senator McNary is going to go right on speaking his own mind and that he lends strength and statesmanship to the ticket headed by "able, magnetic and a forceful Wendell L. Willkie." Mr. McNary's voice was a bit husky at first, but it grew deeper and more forceful as he went along. It was not an inflammatory speech, but it had its moments of power and its moments of sly wit. It was perhaps a bit long, but its length was accentuated for the crowd because the people had gathered far in advance and did a lot of bored sitting on hard fairground benches before the ceremonies reached an interesting stage.

A highlight of the afternoon was the speech of Governor Stassen of Minnesota—hard-hitting, clever and politically calculated as was proper for a political occasion.

ENTERING the fairgrounds after a quick jaunt over the Willamette pass with more than 100 Klamathites (but we didn't see more than half a dozen of them) we were immediately impressed with the setting which was largely provided by the late Salem centennial pageant—a bank of paper mache' mountains, so constructed the speakers platform could be reached on ramps hidden from the crowd. Along the mountain tops were two rows of flags—the banners of the 48 states and many American flags. Each flagstaff was topped by a golden eagle. The whole was most impressive against the black clouds in the eastern sky, especially when the sun shone at times on the near scene while the audience sat in the shadows. It all achieved an effect which would not have been possible without the centennial. The coincidence of the two closely dated events at Salem was most fortunate.

OREGON people, by nature, are not particularly demonstrative and as we have said the crowd was quiet compared with those at some of the political events recently recorded by radio. A moment worth mentioning, however, was the prolonged, wild west shout from a lone throat when McNary said the farm problem should be the first charge on the attention of a national administration. "That must be a farmer," said McNary in an aside.

A personal observation that may be of interest was Senator Rufus Holman, Mr. McNary's junior colleague, arriving late and having trouble finding a seat among the spectators in front of the grandstand. Whether it was a slip-up of arrangements or Rufus' choice is something we probably will never know.

MOVING out of the capital with the crowds after the ceremonies, this scribe is going to do a little vacation exploring to the north. From time to time his impressions will be recorded in this column. He is counting upon the tolerance of the friendly readers of the Klamath country as he goes along.—M. E.

Londoners Make Night of It As Nazi Raiders Carry On Six-Hour Bomb Attack

LONDON, Aug. 28 (AP)—Robbed of their sleep by Adolf Hitler's nocturnal bombers, thousands of Londoners danced and sang until almost dawn today, ignoring intermittent sounds of gunfire and the drones of airplane motors overhead.

The air raid alarm came as homebodies were retiring and as west end theaters were thronged with amusement seekers. When the German bombers kept sweeping over in relays and the all-clear signal failed to sound, many decided to make a night of it.

Concerts Staged
 In most theaters the audiences stayed on when the shows were over and responded with zest to stage manager's suggestions for impromptu concerts.

At the Hippodrome, Prime Minister Winston Churchill's son-in-law, the Comedian Vic Oliver, organized an informal "song-fest."

At Prince's theater Arthur Riscoe called for "partners for the girls," and generals, Royal air force officers and naval men stormed the stage. Riscoe said it "was more like a New Year's party than an air raid."

Aircraftman H. Kapinsky of the Royal Canadian air force, who was selling shoes in Cleveland, Ohio, six months ago to earn money for a musical education, was the life of the party at the Hippodrome where he got a chance to display his tenor voice by singing "Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Singing Parties
 Family groups had singing parties or played cards in air raid shelters.

Many persons caught away from home when the sirens shrilled their warnings went without supper because the large restaurants closed their doors during

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