

DARDANELLES BLOCKS NAZI ROUTE EAST

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Leander swam the Hellespont (we call it the Dardanelles nowadays) and maybe Herr Hitler could, too—but the nazi fuhrer can't swim an army across this strategic water-barrier between Europe and the Near East to help Mussolini crush Britain in the Mediterranean theater.

That's fanciful, say you. Granted, but it's meant to emphasize that the Dardanelles strait presents one of the most serious obstacles the axis partners will encounter if they try to crash into the Near East by a thrust down the Balkan peninsula.

It is a fact we should keep in mind as the war-threats flash back and forth across this cockpit, and the situation hourly grows more tense. We are likely to hear a lot more about the Dardanelles before we are through.

Water Barriers
Herr Hitler must feel rather sorry for himself to find that, having been stymied from the British Isles by the English Channel, he now is up against another water hazard which has broken the hearts of many good men and brave in days gone by. It's one of the world's toughest roads to conquest.

I have small doubt that once the Germans had forced this strait and conquered Turkey they could steamroller most of the rest of the Near East rather readily. As I have remarked, however, if and when the exponents of the total-war make this effort they're going to precipitate one of the great battles of history.

Vital to Russia
The strategic importance of the Dardanelles always has been very great because it does form a barrier between the Balkans and the Near East, and because it is the gateway from the otherwise landlocked Black sea to the Mediterranean. Free passage of the Dardanelles is vital to Russia, since if the strait were in enemy hands she not only would be cut off from the Mediterranean but a hostile fleet could attack her in the Black sea.

The Dardanelles strait is 47 miles long, and from one to four miles wide. It then broadens into the little Sea of Marmora which in turn opens into the Black sea through the Bosphorus at Istanbul (Constantinople). Just by the way—maybe it's the Oriental influence, but the Dardanelles radiates an atmosphere of mystery and eeriness which makes one expect to see the spooks of the sea-rovers of old come swarming aboard ship.

Easily Defended
I've sailed through this narrow reach and rarely have seen a position so easily capable of defense. I call that to your attention, too.

This whole water-way is in Turkey's territory so that she can fortify both sides and the passage itself. Under an international convention signed in 1936, the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus were demilitarized and opened to all nations—but—and this is vital—Turkey was granted permission if at war or threatened by war, to close the straits to other nationalities.

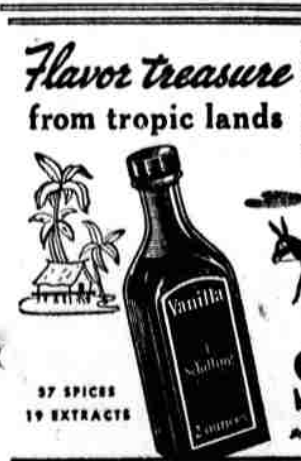
Well, if the present isn't a threatening situation I don't know what is. It's a safe bet that the Turks have made this water thoroughfare as nearly impregnable as they can to prepare for eventualities.

If the axis twins find any solace in the thought, the Dardanelles has been forced before this. It first achieved fame in 480 B.C. when King Xerxes of Persia invaded Europe with an army by using a bridge of boats a mile long. Then in 344 B.C. Alexander crossed into Asia.

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Miss America? Eggsactly!



Not many beings would be proud if each of their endeavors laid an egg, as the saying goes. But this Rhode Island Red, owned by E. B. Parmentor, of Franklin, Mass., feels like crowing because when she counted her chicks before they hatched, she found she'd laid a total of 340 eggs last year. So, though she's no spring chicken, she was chosen "Hen of the Year" at Northeastern Poultry Producers Council recent convention in Atlantic City.

Canada Has National Unity Problem Similar to U. S.

By MARTIN KANE
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OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 17 (UP)—Canada possesses to some degree a problem in national unity like that which exists in the United States.

Though persons of all nationalities live in Canada, the principal cultural cleavage is between French Canadians and British Canadians, and an odd feature of it is the French Canadian feels no special allegiance to France.

He is inclined to look askance at French liberalism in politics, religion and the arts, including cuisine. The French defeat did not gravely sadden him, except as it affected Britain's fortune in the war.

There is a difference in degree in the intensity of war fervor expressed by the two principal racial groups but the French Canadian is not far behind his British brother in fighting the Battle of Britain. Naturally, he cannot respond with the same indignation to the air raids on England, but in the roadhouses and taverns of Quebec he cheers ardently for the song "There'll Always Be an England," which seems to have become this war's "Tipperary."

The rank and file followers of such men as Adrien Arcand in the national unity party, which preached a special brand of fascism, were mostly French Canadian and in powers of discrimination were much like the followers of some United States political machines and similar groups. Most of its members would have resented any impli-

cation they are not good Canadians. When the arrest of Arcand and other leaders was followed by exposure of links with German agents there were widespread defections from an organization whose strength already had been exaggerated.

Canadians of either British or French stock regard themselves primarily as Canadians and that is the link which unites them in this current struggle. French Canadian members of parliament voted for war on Germany along with their British brothers.

One Canadian official told with satisfaction of the humorist Stephen Leacock's response to an English invitation that, since he had been born in England, he return there to spend his declining years.

"Leacock wrote a piece about it," the official recalled, "and told them he was a Canadian, that he was 'at home' right now, and that anyhow he liked to sit on his front porch with his feet on the border and talk

with Americans who came up to visit him."

This feeling of separation from the mother country is expressed politically in Canada's independent status as a dominion. That independent attitude has produced a corollary assumption that, even if Britain should lose this war, Canada can continue on her own. It is significant that, even under wartime restrictions, the possibility that Britain may lose is mentioned prominently in the Canadian press. It does not imply defeatism—Canadians are extremely confident—but rather a feeling of rugged assurance in Canada's resourcefulness and resources. Canadians are nothing if not tough.

They believe that Britain will win and they realize that, win or lose, greater national unity is essential. Efforts are being made in that direction by both French and English speaking elements.

WEALTHY MERCHANT WHO BEGAN ON \$2 PER WEEK DIES
WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 17 (AP)—Death has ended the brilliant career of Fred Morgan Kirby, wealthy merchant who played an important role in the founding of the F. W. Woolworth five-and-ten store chain.

In ill health for six years, he died of pneumonia last night at his estate at nearby Glenn Summit. He was 79.

Starting as a \$2-a-week clerk in a Watertown, N. Y., store, Kirby had acquired 96 stores when he merged them into the Woolworth system in 1912.

Later he extended his business interests and became one of the nation's richest men.

Kirby is survived by two sons, Sumner Moore Kirby, of Nice, France, and Allan Price Kirby of Morristown, N. J., railroad financier who was one of three men who purchased control of the Van Sweringen interests in 1937. His wife died in 1933.

New Deal warplanes are just ghosts to Willkie. One of those flying fortresses, dropping a 1000-pound bomb, can sure leave haunting memories.

The office blond is a bit confused in her world war news. She understands Adolf and Benito have been in a huddle and are going to try a Brenner pass.

Science says white lightning is deadlier than other kinds, but so far there are no volunteers for blindfold tests.

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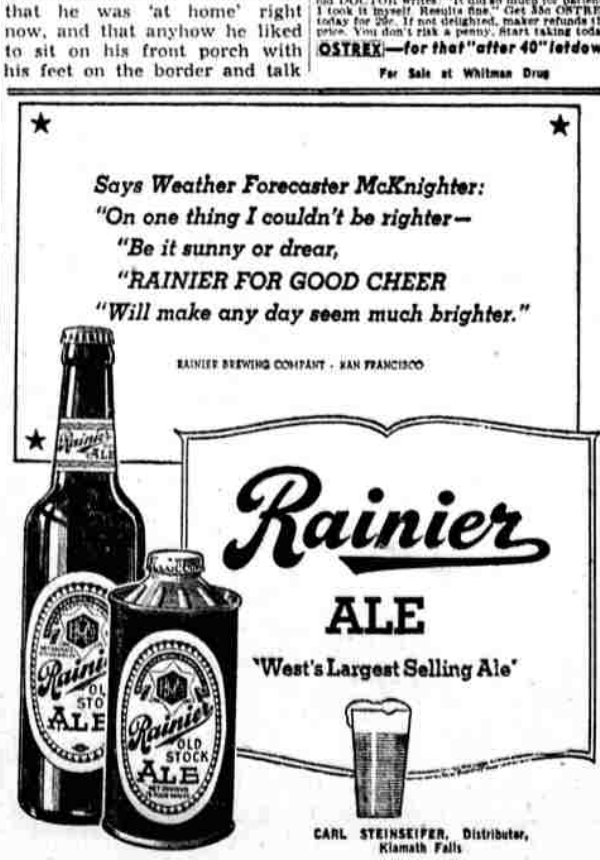
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NEW POLL SHOWS WILLKIE VICTORY

CHICAGO, Oct. 17 (U.P.)—Emil Hurja, executive director of the democratic national committee from 1932 to 1938 and now editor of Pathfinder magazine, said Wednesday "an idealized cross section poll" of the nation indicated Wendell L. Willkie would be elected president with a 1,500,000 to 3,000,000 plurality.

Hurja said he predicted the 1932-34-36 elections accurately as an assistant to then Democratic National Chairman James A. Farley "although all Jim (Farley) needed was someone to hold his coat for him to hit them on the nose."

Hurja made his prediction before a luncheon audience of 1000 business men on the basis of a poll taken 10 days ago.

"The amazing thing," he said, "is the trend to Willkie in the cities as opposed to rural area. If this trend of the last fortnight continues, Willkie will win by 5,000,000 to 8,000,000 rather than by 3,000,000."

He said his poll showed 11 to 14 per cent of the electorate still undecided on its vote and that 67 per cent of this group was opposed to a third term.

GREeping FESCUE JOINS GRASS LIST

Oregon now has the only commercial seed acreage in the entire country of creeping red fescue, a comparatively new grass so far as general use is concerned, which promises to be a notable addition to the growing list of Oregon seed crops and a valuable grass for lawn and forage purposes.

Three men in western Oregon harvested enough seed this year to provide a combined supply of about 8000 pounds, according to Harry A. Scoth, federal agronomist at Oregon State college, who first introduced the grass on the station test ground in 1929.

The three who harvested what is probably America's first commercial crop of creeping red fescue seed are Gilmore Hector, Albany; Oscar Loe, Silverton, and Harry Riches, Salem. These three growers have a combined acreage of about 20 acres.

The grass is much like ordinary chewing fescue in appearance and has its characteristics of being deep rooted, fine leaved and hardy to weather and rough usage. Its distinguishing feature is an underground spreading root system in place of the bunch grass habit of the chewing fescue.

HIGH SCHOOL

News Notes and Comment
by June Michelson

"Medford's football team," said Ted Medford, local business man, when he spoke at the pep assembly Wednesday, "has the fastest backfield I've seen this year. The score at the Medford-Eureka game would have been 100 to 6 in Medford's favor instead of 36 to 25 if Medford hadn't played a bunch of the game with its third string."

Medford also assured the student body that the game Friday night would be no "push over" for either ball club.

On the entertainment bill at the assembly was Emil Buzaid, who presented the number he wrote for KUHS, the "Klamath High March." Buzaid also played several piano solos.

"Not one copy of the El Rodeo will be available this spring," stated Clifford Rowe. Many students plan to wait until the annuals come out before buying one. Before, this was possible, because the Krater staff usually bought 80 or so copies to sell later, but this absolutely will not be done this year.

To date 650 books have been purchased. Editor Helen Cox leads the selling contest with the sale of 66 annuals. Pat McVey leads a close second.

The campaign is scheduled to close the end of next week, possibly Friday, October 25. Any student not having made arrangements for a book by then will not have one in the spring.

As a special treat and for con-

venience, afternoon classes were pushed up and students were dismissed an hour early, at three o'clock Wednesday. Because of the R-Day traffic down town, it was requested that the usual rally before the Medford game be called off. Also because one school bus couldn't be used, getting off early helped bus students get home on time.

At the first meeting of the Student congress, representatives decided to "do something" about the lights on the bridge over the canal which never seem to work. A group will investigate the matter to see whether the lights are a city or a school problem.

DISASTROUS SPOT
It has been said that more than 200 wrecks lie in the shallow waters of Diamond Shoals, which extend 10 miles out from Cape Hatteras, N. C.

The first state to ban trucks from highways over weekends and holidays was Wisconsin.

SNOW DISPERSES CALIFORNIANS AT AIR BASE SITE

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 17 (AP)—"California here we come," sang seven workers from the golden state as they turned in their tools to the constructing quartermaster in charge of the army air base construction here.

Their reason for quitting—the eight inches of snow that fell last Thursday. Natives told them they could expect "a little more snow" before winter ends.

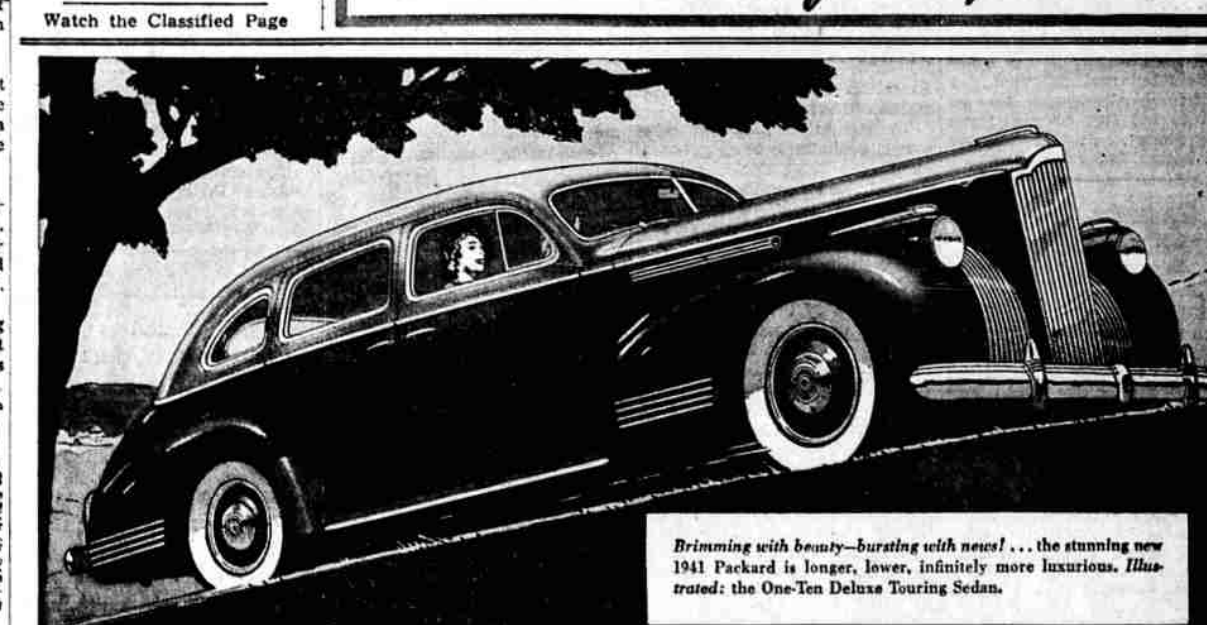
The quartermaster expects many others from California will follow shortly. Hundreds of others among the 1650 employed are showing no signs of quitting.

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